

## BIG CARLETON HUDSON STORY MAY COME OUT MONDAY

Did the beef trust dig up the past record of Carleton Hudson and soak him with punishment because Hudson is a partner of Louis C. Ehle, the dummy millionaire who operated a string of cotton oil mills for the Armour-Swift-Morris interests?

Ehle, who has an office with Carleton Hudson in the First National Bank bldg., posed for 12 years as owner of Texas and Arkansas cotton oil mills. R. G. Dun & Co. rated Ehle as a two-time millionaire, the biggest fellow in the cotton oil game in America and always "good pay."

The whole story threatens to come out through a suit to begin Monday before Judge Windes. Carleton Hudson, along with Former Circuit Judge Arba N. Waterman, Frederick S. McGlory, John J. Lyon, Mansfield H. Lundberg and others, are suing Ehle for money he borrowed from them. They claim they would never have slipped any cash to Ehle if it wasn't that Ehle was the owner of cotton oil mills all over Texas and Arkansas.

They didn't know Ehle was a dummy. So they let him have \$150,000. All of a sudden last March Ehle, the dummy, was kicked out by the stockyards crowd. It was a quiet job.

The sign reading "The Louis C. Ehle Cotton Oil Mills, Inc." in the New York Life Bldg. was painted over. Some \$200,000 which Ehle had on a personal account in a Chicago bank was grabbed off by the Armour-Swift-Morris interests, according to the bill now in Judge Windes court.

All this came off on the quiet. Over in the criminal court building other stuff was pulled off on the quiet. Newspapers said nothing. An indictment by a grand jury was returned against Louis C. Ehle for forgery. Two of the witnesses were beef trust lawyers, Henry Veeder and Albert Veeder. Still another indictment was returned, charging embezzlement.

A few weeks later in the superior court along came Judge Waterman

with a suit against Ehle for \$48,000. J. Ogden Armour, Edward F. Swift, the heirs of the Nelson Morris estate and the officers and directors of the Armour, Swift and Morris companies were all made co-defendants with Ehle. It was put up to them to explain why R. G. Dun & Co. reported Louis C. Ehle to be a two-time millionaire and "good pay" when they couldn't find a dollar of Ehle's anywhere to levy judgments on.

Then Mrs. Caroline King of Minneapolis sued Carleton Hudson in federal courts in Minneapolis for \$200,000 of good money she alleges he falsely persuaded her to sign away in notes.

At the same time another bill was filed in Cook county courts bringing in more creditors of Louis C. Ehle who want the beef packers to come into court and explain how they made Ehle a dummy and what were the declarations of trust or other papers by which the packers owned 75 cotton oil mills in Texas and other mills in Arkansas while they shoved Ehle to the front as the real owner and operator?

After three continuances the case is finally set for hearing Dec. 7. And on the eve of this trial Carleton Hudson is arrested as charged with being Carleton Hudson Betts, a New York confidence man whose ways of working were exactly like those of Carleton Hudson with Mrs. Caroline King of Minneapolis.

Why didn't anybody ever unmask Carleton Hudson before he started trying to squeeze money from the beef trust? It looks as though the beef trust lawyers and the beef trust detectives get the fellow they go after if he's in their way and has any assailable record.

## —O—O— PET NAMES

I bought myself a runabout  
My wearied nerves to soothe.  
I named the car True Love because  
It never does run smooth.

—New York Tribune.